

Intercultural approach to Roma and Travellers inclusion for the local level

Inclusion through Roma responsive/participatory budgeting

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Municipality of Roskovec

- Roskovec is a small town in the southwestern part of Albania. The municipality is part of the Fier Region, the latter located in the southwestern part of the country (part of the Myzeqe field).

- Area: 118.01 km²
- Population of 32 763 inhabitants
- Roma minority of 365 inhabitants
- Egyptian minority of 35 inhabitants
- The Municipality of Roskovec consists of 4 administrative units and 14 villages
 - Roskovec
 - Strum
 - Kuman
 - Kurjan



Initiatives on integration of Roma and Egyptians

- Approval of the Social Plan of the Municipality of Roskovec 2019 - 2022 by decision of the Municipal Council, a plan which describes the current situation but also identifies strategic and specific objectives for different target groups
- Reconstruction of the Kurjan Lake road
- Installation of a transformer in the neighborhood of Lake Kurjan.
- Systematization of the water supply network in the neighborhood of Lake Kurjan
- During 2016, 12,506,880 ALL were used for the reconstruction of Roma dwellings and 29 dwellings were improved.
- The value of financing the second project for the reconstruction of Roma housing for 2017 is 12,736,423 ALL and 23 apartments have been improved
- During 2019, the apartment was reconstructed for 3 Roma families in a total value of 1,500,000 ALL
- During 2020, the apartment for a Roma family worth 500,000 ALL was reconstructed
- 3 (three) families part of the Roma Community became beneficiaries of social housing by decision of the Municipal Council
- The Municipality of Roskovec is a beneficiary of the ROMACTED Programme, which aims to empower the citizens of the Roma community at the individual and community level to integrate, train and raise awareness in social life.
- Within the ROMACTED Programme school materials for 35 students were purchased to alleviate the situation post COVID-19
- The Municipality of Roskovec offered free English language courses for 11 children as well as free courses to improve the reading and writing skills of the Roma and Egyptian communities.

Initiatives on integration of Roma and Egyptians (cont.)

Employment of Roma:

- 2 Roma teachers are employed in one of the educational institutions
- 1 Roma community facilitator is employed by the municipality
- 4 females and 1 male are employed in the cleaning-greening sector in the municipality of Rokovec
- 1 employee at the Water Supply and Sewerage Company JSC
- 1 (one) member participates in decision making as part of the Municipal Council
- In 2019, the Mayor of Roskovec, Mrs. Majlinda Bufi, was awarded as “Most Friendly Roma Mayor” in Albania by awarded by EU Commission’s Directorate General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement (DG Near)
- In the framework of the International Roma Day, objects related to the history, traditions and culture of the Roma community have been placed in the Historical Museum of the Municipality of Roskovec.

Roma 2022 in the Municipality of Roskovec

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